



2010 Providence District VolunteerFest®

Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2010 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 23 in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's County-wide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day. The week long 2010 Providence VolunteerFest® projects will kick off at the sixth Annual Merrifield Festival on October 16 at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Greater Merrifield Business Association welcomes residents to the sixth Annual Merrifield Festival. Come enjoy a day filled with the sights and sounds of Merrifield featuring family fun for all ages; food, carnival rides, a fire truck train, face painting, Rockwall climb and pumpkin painting. Back by popular demand is the County Environmental Health interactive booth with useful resource materials about the various environmental impacts on our community and what residents can do as caretakers of our environment. Kids are welcome - learn about food safety, Lyme disease, hands on bugs, make your own tick, and more! Entry to the Festival is free and will be held rain or shine. Events will be moved indoors if it rains.

All projects will take place on October 23rd, unless indicated otherwise

- **Food Drive** - Supervisor Smyth's office and Food for Others. Non perishable food donations may be dropped off day or evening from **October 13 - 22** at Supervisor Smyth's office 8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax.
- **Used Books about ART & Horses to be Sold** - Friends of the Oakton Library at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton - on **Saturday, October 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Proceeds to benefit programs at the Oakton Library.
- **Easy Readers** - A program for first and second grade boys who need reading reinforcement - Oakton Library Saturday October 23 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. prior registration is required to participate. For information, contact Michael Luciani at easyreaders@gmail.com.
- **Oakton Community Park - October 23, 10:30 am to noon** Weather Permitting - Riding Demonstration by Spirit Open Equestrian Program <http://www.spiritequestrian.org/index.html> Provided by *Fairfax4Horses*.
- **Mini Golf** - Greater Merrifield Business Association (GMBA), Police Department and Park Authority host mentorship mini golf with selected Fairfax County Public School students from 9:00 a.m. - noon.
- **Neighborhood Park Projects** - Fairfax County Park Authority hosts projects at Providence District Parks including Borge St. (spreading wood chips, fence repair, weed removal) & Nottoway Park (removal of invasive plants) Details are available by calling Katherine Frederick 703-324-8681, TTY 711.
- **Soldier Care Packages** - James Lee Community Center 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church - packages for soldiers serving abroad will be prepared from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- **Event Promotions** - The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church. Open their 2010-2011 season October 8th, with the production of Noel Coward's "Waiting in the Wings".

Supervisor Smyth and the 2010 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2010 VolunteerFest® Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 or on the Volunteer Fairfax website at www.volunteerfairfax or by calling 703-246-3460, TTY 711. ■